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OF "FOUR NOES"

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(C) Assistant Foreign Minister He Yafei told the DCM on June 9 that China "noticed" Chen Shui-bian's statement to the press while meeting AIT/W Chairman Burghardt in Taipei reaffirming Chen's "four noes" pledges. China was glad to see Chen's comments and appreciates the role played by the United States, AFM He stated. The DCM emphasized to AFM He that these statements were made by Chen and urged China to reach out to Taiwan's elected leadership.